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FOLLOWING REPEAT PARIS 19616 ACTION SECSTATE DATED JUN 20:

QTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 19616

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: US, VN  
SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE PROPOSE RENEWED CONTACTS

1. US LIAISON OFFICER AT SRV EMBASSY (DO THANH)  
ASKED TO SEE EMBOFF AT 17:00 JUNE 20. DO THANH  
SAID PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO CLARIFY REPORTS  
VIETNAMESE HAD RECEIVED FROM WESTERN VISITORS TO  
HANOI REGARDING US INVITATION FOR VIETNAMESE  
EXPERTS TO VISIT CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY  
IN HONOLULU. DO THANH SAID WESTERNERS HAD INDICATED  
THAT THIS INVITATION WAS STILL VALID. IF THIS WAS  
TRUE, VIETNAMESE WOULD LIKE TO SEND A TEAM OF EXPERTS  
TO HONOLULU DURING THE PERIOD JULY 5-10. DO THANH  
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ASKED IF THIS PERIOD WOULD BE CONVENIENT. EMBOFF  
SAID HE WOULD REPORT THIS DEMARCHE AND GIVE DO THANH  
A REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. DO THANH ALSO SAID DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER  
NGUYEN CO THACH WOULD BE TRAVELLING THROUGH SEVERAL  
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DURING THE SECOND HALF OF JULY.

HE ASKED WHAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKES TRAVEL PLANS WERE DURING THE COMING WEEKS, AND SUGGESTED THAT, IF HOLBROOKES WOULD BY ANY CHANCE BE IN EUROPE, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM AND NGUYEN CO THACH TO MEET. EMBOFF SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOLBROOKES PLANS FOR THE COMING WEEKS, BUT WOULD ALSO REPORT THIS INFORMATION.

3. DO THANH BROUGHT ALONG WITH HIM TO THIS MEETING FIRST SECRETARY TRAN VAN LAM, WHO HE SAID WOULD GRADUALLY BE TAKING OVER THE LIAISON FUNCTION. DO THANH SAID HE HIMSELF WOULD BE RETURNING TO HANOI "IN SEVERAL MONTHS".

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